Diabetes cases in Andhra Pradesh

493. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of diabetes are on abommal rise in the State of Andhra Pradesh particularly in its urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether National Diabetes Control Programme is under implementation is the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken to control diabetes in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (e) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, there is epidemiological evidence showing increase in prevalence of diabetes, particularly in urban areas of the country various combined factors like population ageing, unhealthy diets, and obesity and sedentary life style are mainly reported to be responsible for increase in diabetes mellitus.

Central Health Education Bureau (CHEB) has strategies/programmes including use of powerful electronic media to spread health messages to increase public health awareness about diabetes, 'Health Melas' being arraanged throughout India also contribute to public awareness in this regard. CHEB is ateo holding Orientation Training Courses to provide dabetes education to health care professionals. National Diabetes Control Programme has since been merged with the Indian Council of Medical Research.

According to Government of Andhra Pradesh, no survey has been undertaken in the urban areas of Andhra Pradesh. However, two pilot projects have been taken up by the State Government in the rural areas of Vishakhapatnam & Kurnool where Diabetic Control Programme is being implemented.